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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application discloses subject matter related to the subject matter disclosed in the following commonly owned co-pending patent applications: (i) "Context Switching System And Method For Implementing A High Speed Link (HSL) In A Network Element," filed May 11, 2001, Ser. No.: 09/853,388 (Attorney Docket Number 1285 0036US), in the name(s) of: Robert S. Gammenthaler, Jr.; (ii) "Method And Apparatus For An MLSC State Machine," filed March 31, 2000, Ser. No.: 09/541,411, in the name(s) of Michael Vineze and Robert S. Gammenthaler, Jr.; and (iii) "Clock Distribution Scheme In A Signaling Server," filed March 31, 2000, Ser. No.: 09/541,002, in the name(s) of Val Teodorescu, which are hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

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